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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Schumacher et al.)
Serial No.: 09/316,539)
Filed: May 21, 1999)
Title: DEVICE FOR)
DETERMINING THE)
ACTIVITY OF ENZYMES)
IN LIQUIDS)
Group Art Unit: 1744)
Examiner:)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 and add the following new claims.

*Rule 26
sub C17
B'*

~~29~~ ~~28~~. A device for measuring the activity of an enzyme in liquid, the device comprising a column and a detector, the column including a chromatographic carrier having a substance capable of binding an enzyme inhibitor corresponding to said enzyme in a sample, the column being capable of delivering at least a part of the sample discharged from the column to the detector.

~~2~~ ~~29~~. The device according to claim ~~28~~ wherein the chromatographic carrier contains an excess amount of substance capable of binding an enzyme inhibitor relative to the amount